GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Union Government has decided to increase the representation of women in its 100 days priority programmes and also in jobs;

(b) : if so, the details thereof; and

(c) : the details of achievement made regarding women and child development out of the achievements of 100 days programme of the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) to (c) : As part of the 100 days Action Plan, the Government had proposed the following for increasing the representation of women:

(i) Early passage of the Women's Reservation Bill for providing one-third reservation to women in State legislatures and in the Parliament.

(ii) Constitutional amendment to provide 50 per cent reservation for women in panchayats and in urban local bodies.

(iii) Concerted efforts to increase representation of women in government jobs.

(iv) Setting up of a National Mission on Empowerment of Women for implementation of women centric programmes in a mission mode to achieve better coordination.

The Bill for providing one-third reservation to women in State legislatures and in the Parliament has been introduced in the Parliament. So also, the Bills to provide 50 per cent reservation for women in panchayats and in urban local bodies have been introduced in the Parliament.

For increasing representation of women in government jobs, the Department of Personnel & Training (DOPT) in the Government of India has issued Instructions that all recruitment advertisements should carry a prominent message to encourage women candidates; a circular has been issued and posted on the website of DOPT for enhancing awareness about existing facilities to women employees; instructions have been issued for representation of at least one woman member in Selection Committees; and the existing provisions for postings of husband and wife in the same station have been reviewed, revised and consolidated.

The National Mission for Empowerment of Women has been set up and notified on 8.3.2010.